

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION

LINCOLN ELECTRIC COMPANY,	)	Case No. 1:06-CV-02981
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	JUDGE ANN ALDRICH
	)	
MILLER ELECTRIC MFG. CO., et al.,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	<u>ORDER</u>

On December 13, 2006, Lincoln Electric Company ("Lincoln") filed a request for *inter partes* reexamination of seven of Illinois Tool Works Inc.'s ("ITW") patents with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (the "PTO"). On September 7, 2007, this court granted ITW's motion for a stay. This court directs the parties to immediately inform the court when the PTO reexamination is completed. Until that time, this case shall remain STAYED and administratively CLOSED, subject to reopening upon written motion by any of the parties.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/Ann Aldrich  
ANN ALDRICH  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

**Dated: August 7, 2009**